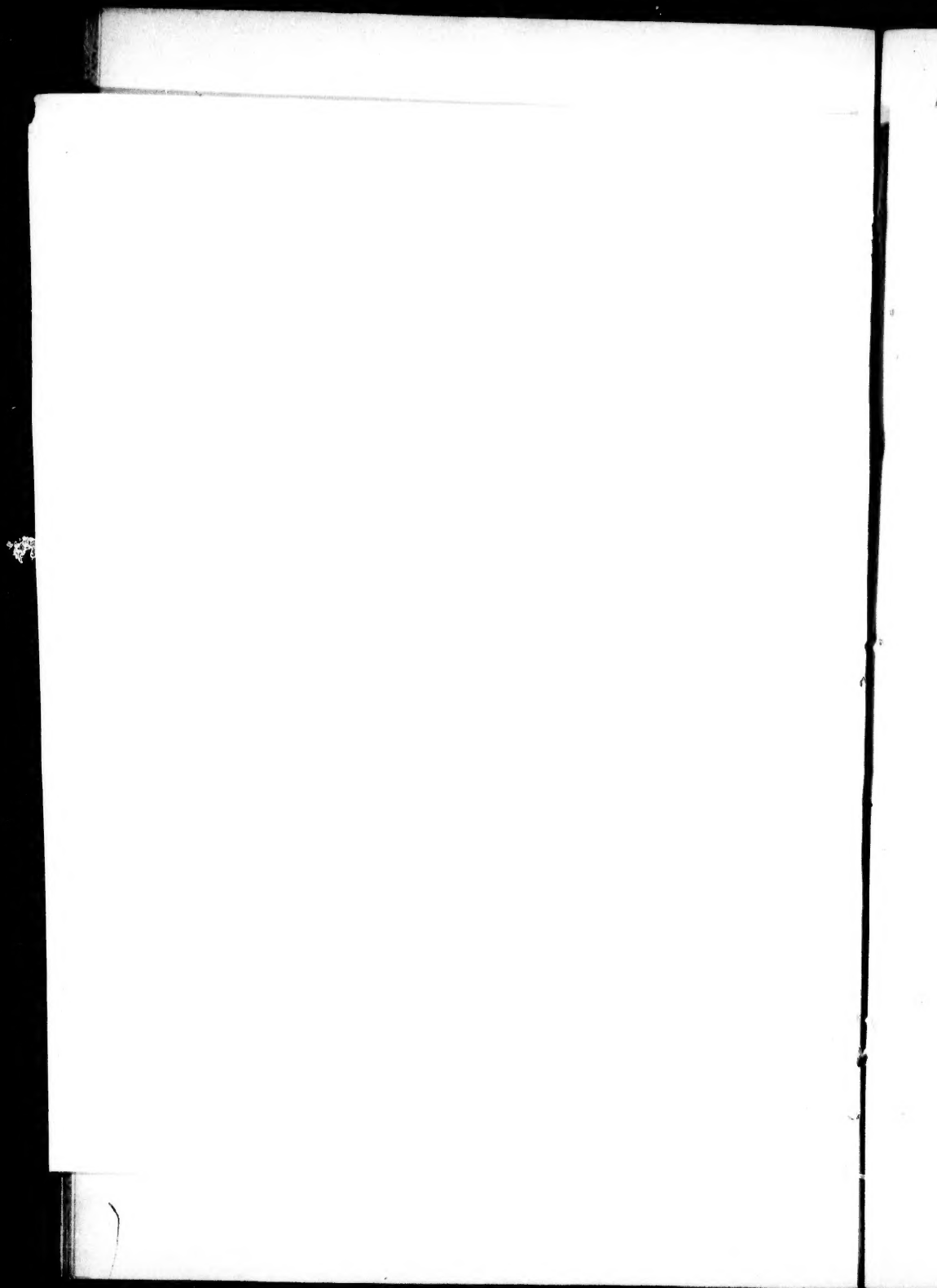




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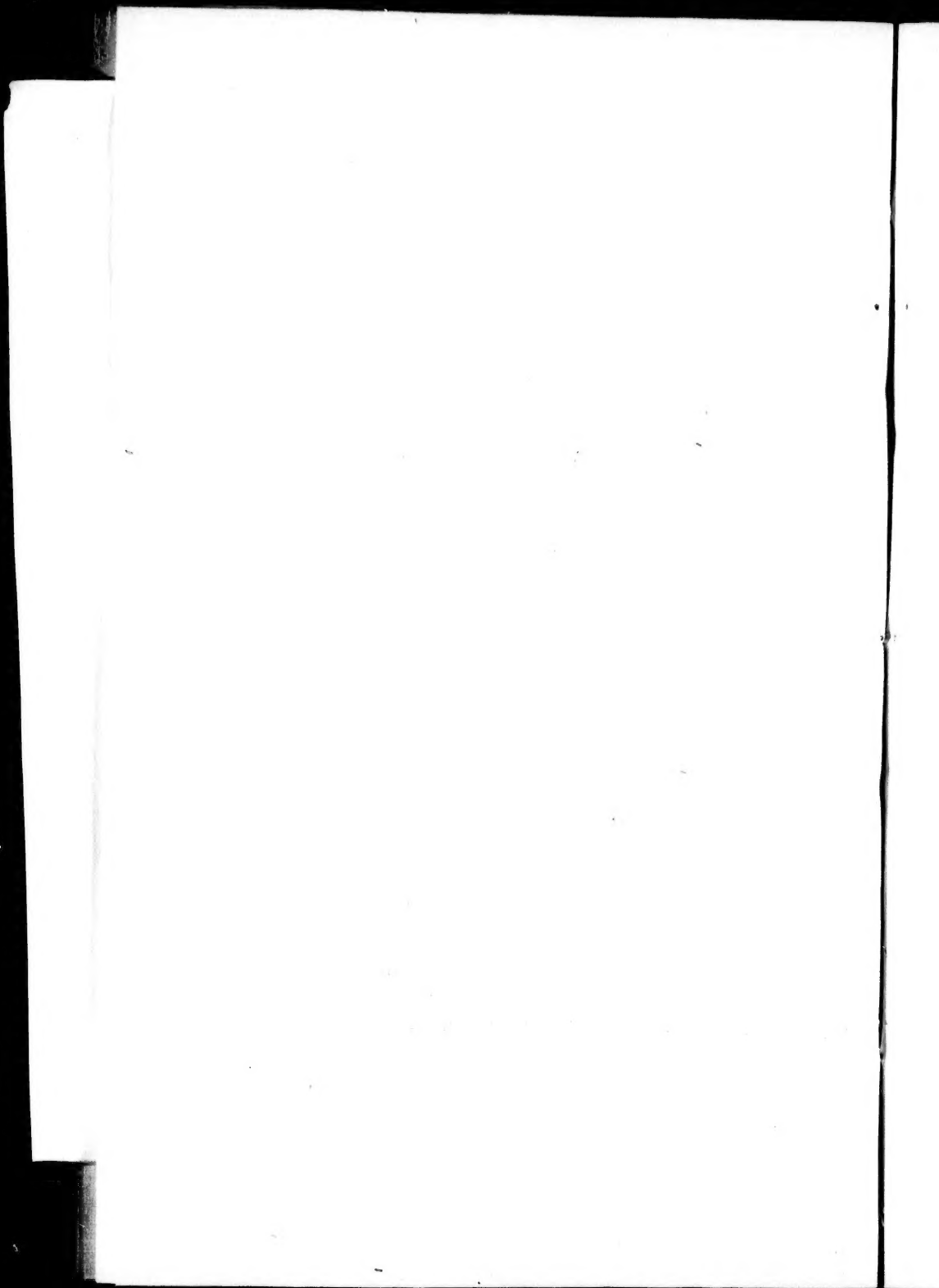
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From the Courier of Upper Canada, of 12th May, 1835.

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If any thing can tend to alleviate the painful recollections which arise, on reverting to the scenes of general woe and distress which prevailed so generally among us during the prevalence of the fatal cholera in 1832 and 1834, it may be said to be found in the devotion to the cause of suffering humanity which was displayed at the time, by those, who in the true spirit of Christian benevolence, devoted themselves to the relief of the sufferers, and who evinced at this period of general affliction and despondency, an energy and perseverance of the most praiseworthy kind. At such a time, and in such a good work, the Ministers of the Christian religion are afforded the opportunity of standing pre-eminently distinguished; and while we have no doubt, and feel assured that all did their duty faithfully, the peculiar and arduous services of one Hon. Member of that Reverend body, from his unwearied devotion, could not fail to attract the par-

ticular attention not only of his Parishioners, but of many others, by whom his persevering benevolence in the hour of danger was duly appreciated and esteemed.

When the ravages of the pestilence were mercifully stayed, the recollection of these arduous and faithful services was evinced in the determination to present the venerable personage some appropriate memorial of respect and gratitude ; the result of which will be seen from the following resolutions, which were adopted at a meeting held for the purpose, and and with which we have been kindly favored.



At a meeting of the subscribers for purchasing and presenting to the Honorable and Venerable Archdeacon STRACHAN a piece of plate, expressive of their regard and admiration of his unwearied exertions during the late visitation of the cholera in this city, held at the Court House, on Monday, the 17th day of November, instant.

S. WASHBURN, Esq., in the Chair.

1st. It was moved by Mr. CARFRAE and seconded by Mr. GILLESPIE,

That a Committee of five gentlemen be appointed for carrying the wishes and intentions of the subscribers into effect.

2nd. Moved by Mr. Sheriff JARVIS, seconded by Mr. ATKINSON,

That the following gentlemen do compose the Committee, viz. :—

The Hon. the CHIEF JUSTICE, the Hon. Mr. Justice MACAULAY, W. H. DRAPER, THOMAS CARFRAE, and GEO. MONRO, Esqrs.

3rd. Moved by Mr. WOOD, seconded by Mr. BULL,

That the above named gentlemen comprising the Committee, be requested to procure a piece of plate, with a suitable inscription, to be presented to the HONORABLE and VENERABLE the ARCHDEACON of YORK, as a slight tribute of the respect and grateful remembrance entertained by the subscribers for his unwearied exertions during the prevalence of the cholera, during its late visitation to this City.

4th. Resolved—That the Chairman be requested to forward to each of the above named gentlemen a copy of these resolutions.

S. WASHBURN, *Chairman.*

Court House, 17th Nov. 1834.



The presentation of the piece of plate alluded to in the above resolution, being a very handsome Silver Vase, of the value, as we understand, of about £100, and which reflects great credit on Mr. STENETT, the artist, to whom its execution was entrusted, took place on Saturday last, when a number of gentlemen

were assembled on the interesting occasion, and was accompanied with the following

ADDRESS.

REVEREND SIR—During the prevalence of the Asiatic cholera, which on two occasions has raged violently in this city, your parishioners and others were so deeply impressed with a sense of your faithful and zealous discharge of the duties of a Christian Minister, that many of them have since resolved to record permanently their feelings of gratitude and respect.

The measures for this purpose, which were taken when the occasion was recent, have been carried into effect; and we now attend upon you with a request that you will accept from us a token of our affectionate remembrance, of the fortitude, the energy, the unwearied perseverance and benevolence, with which you devoted yourself to the duties of your sacred profession, when surrounded by affliction, danger, and despondency.

In common with those whose sufferings you laboured to alleviate, and whose distress awakened our warmest sympathy, we would express by this offering our thankfulness that amidst the mortality by which you were encompassed, you have been spared for the further exercise of those Christian charities which we have seen you ever ready to extend, without regard to considerations of personal danger or fatigue, looking only to the necessities which required your

assistance, and to the means which you had in your power to apply to their relief.

To this address the Ven. Archdeacon made the following feeling and appropriate

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—I receive this mark of the cordial approbation of my parishioners and fellow-townsmen with the deepest gratitude. Not that I presume to consider myself worthy of so great an honor, but it is delightful to find that a steady and faithful performance of duty, during a period of severe trial and alarm, has been carefully observed, and so nobly appreciated; it will have the most salutary and beneficial effect, in strengthening and encouraging other clergymen in like circumstances, to be kind, resolute and active in discharge of their functions, however perilous and difficult.

The great exertions which I was enabled, through the divine blessing to make, during the raging of the pestilence in 1832 and 1834, and which have called forth this spontaneous expression of your friendly attachment, were, I believe, far easier to me than they would have been to many of superior merit, but of weaker nerves and less physical energy.

Not that I was insensible to the danger to which I was exposed, in my frequent communication with the sick and dying; but being in the discharge of a most important duty—a duty which, in my opinion, admits

neither of choice nor deliberation, and of which our holy Church requires the immediate performance—I committed myself to God, and proceeded undismayed by any apprehension as to personal consequences.

The ways of God are often dark and mysterious : but an abiding confidence in his moral government, through Christ, will teach us that all things work together for good to them that love God : and reflecting persons must feel, that such awful visitations as we have experienced, by drawing out the lively exercise of the Christians virtues, unite the truly religious more closely even in this world, and produce in their minds a growing inclination towards the life to come.

Permit me on this joyful occasion, to refer with heartfelt satisfaction, to the unanimity which has so happily prevailed among us since my settlement in the parish, twenty-three years ago ; and to the Christian support which I have uniformly received at your hands. I believe, and therefore am proud to declare, that the generous benevolence of this community is altogether unequalled : and that the munificent contributions to mitigate the sad effects of the two recent visits of cholera, would confer an enviable distinction on a city of thrice our population—nor have I ever appealed to you in vain when distress was to be relieved.

Accept, gentlemen, my warmest thanks for the honor which you and those you represent have conferred upon me this day,—it will smooth the most

arduous labours, and essentially console and encourage me to renewed exertions, should times of calamity again arrive—and be assured that my earnest prayers will unceasingly ascend to the Throne of Mercy for your temporal and spiritual happiness, and for that of this rising city and community, to which I am bound by the strongest ties of duty and affection.



The Vase presented on this occasion is composed of massive silver of the British standard ; its height is eighteen inches, and capable of containing six quarts. Its design is purely Grecian—it is supported on a pedestal or tripod (of the same material), standing on three richly embossed feet. On the tripod, in an incumbent posture, are three figures, chimeras, whose wings embrace the foot of the vase, which is also supported by a centre-piece of scroll and foliage—the body of the vase is richly ornamented by bold flutes alternately, embossed with the honeysuckle flute on a dead white ground—the handles are very richly displayed, with foliage dividing into two stems, the ends of which are beautifully enriched with sprigs of the grape vine, and rest on the mouth border of flutes. The contrast between the dead white ornaments and the rich colour of the burnishing is very judiciously arranged,—the inscription is on the tripod, and is as follows :—

THIS VASE WAS PRESENTED

TO THE

HONORABLE AND VENERABLE

ARCHDEACON STRACHAN, D. D.

BY A NUMBER OF THE INHABITANTS

OF THE

CITY OF TORONTO,



AS A MEMORIAL OF THEIR RESPECT AND GRATITUDE,

FOR HIS FEARLESS AND HUMANE DEVOTIONS

TO HIS PASTORAL DUTIES,

DURING SEASONS OF

GREAT DANGER AND DISTRESS,

FROM THE VISITATION OF

AN APPALLING PESTILENCE.



"For he that in these things serveth Christ, is acceptable to God, and approved of Men."—ROMANS, 14—18.

From the Montreal Gazette, 16th May, 1835.

THE CHURCH.

A beautiful silver Vase, valued at one hundred pounds, has been presented to the Venerable Archdeacon STRACHAN, by a number of the citizens of TORONTO, as a testimony of their satisfaction with the zealous and effective manner in which the Reverend Gentleman discharged his pastoral duties, during the seasons when the capital was visited by cholera.

From the Niagara Reporter, 19th May, 1835.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE TO THE HON. AND VEN. ARCHDEACON STRACHAN.—It is with pride and satisfaction, the most heartfelt, that we draw the attention of our readers to the munificent gift bestowed upon this distinguished individual, by the Gentlemen of Toronto, expressive of the high sense they entertain of his humane exertions during the prevalence of cholera in that City.

It must be consoling to the Reverend Divine, that Gentlemen, the most influential in that place, were appointed as a Committee to carry into effect the wishes of so many of his townsmen. The Committee was composed of the following, viz. :—

The Hon. Chief Justice ; the Hon. Mr. Justice Macaulay ; W. H. Draper ; Thomas Carfrac, and George Munro, Esquires.

The presentation of the piece of plate, (being a very handsome silver vase, valued, as we are in-

formed, at \$400) took place on Saturday week, when a number of Gentlemen were assembled to witness the interesting occasion. It was accompanied with an address, couched in the most delicate language, and expressive of the warm feeling they should ever evince towards the Reverend Pastor. To which he returned an appropriate answer, breathing in every line that christian spirit which so highly characterizes the Reverend Gentleman.

From the Port Hope Warder, 19th May, 1835.

Last year, after that dreadful malady, the cholera, had subsided in the City of Toronto, a number of the most respectable citizens assembled at the Court-House for the purpose of testifying their due sense of the christian zeal and unceasing exertions of the Venerable Archdeacon during the prevalence of cholera in that City in 1832 and 34. At the meeting referred to, it was resolved that a suitable piece of Plate be presented to Dr. Strachan, and a committee was appointed to carry the resolution into effect; directions were given by the Committee to Mr. Stennett, Jeweller and Silver-Smith, King-Street, to make the same. The Toronto Patriot and Courier gives a description of the Vase and its presentation on the 10th instant.

On presenting the Vase, an appropriate address was read, to which the Archdeacon gave a feeling and affectionate reply.

We are sorry that want of room prevents us from transferring those documents in detail.

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